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### November 02, 2005

Ms. Brenda Erdoes, Legislative Counsel **C/o Debra Corp**Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB), Legal Division 401 South Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4747

Re: Environmental Commission Petition 2005-09

Dear Ms. Corp:

This regulation proposes adoption of several new sections in Chapter 444A of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The new regulation would establish procedures for the Division to award grants to municipalities, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations for projects that enhance solid waste management systems and promote the efficient use of resources.

In the 2005 legislative session SB 396 modified NRS 444A.110 by authorizing the Division to award grants for the above referenced activities. It also required the State Environmental Commission (SEC) to adopt regulations governing the administration of the grants. This petition seeks to carry out this requirement. It outlines grant application requirements, eligibility determination, evaluation criteria, grant agreements, and procedures for disbursement of funds, grant termination, etc.

The Division currently has a program to provide public education and support of recycling programs in Nevada through contracts. NDEP believes the grants program, which has now been authorized in legislation, is better suited for carrying out this function.

The new regulation would also broaden the range of qualifying projects from recycling public education and support, to projects that enhance solid waste management systems and promote the efficient use of resources. The Division would still utilize recycling contracts as necessary for entities that are not eligible to receive grants under the statute.

Additional supporting information for this proposed regulation, such as the workshop notice, is available on the SEC website at: http://www.sec.nv.gov/main/regulatory\_workshops0105.htm

The point of contact at NDEP for this amended regulation is Mr. Les Gould, Bureau of Waste Management (687-9468).

Sincerely,

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